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In re Application of: TALTON, *et al.*

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For: METHODS FOR PREPARING COATED DRUG PARTICLES AND  
PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace lines 6-10 of the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION  
with:--

The present application claims the benefit of PCT Application No. PCT/US99/27401,  
filed on November 18, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.  
60/110,291, filed on November 30, 1998, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.  
60/108,847, filed on November 18, 1998, which are all incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

A replacement abstract is attached herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 27 as amended during the International Preliminary  
Examination and insert the following new claims 28-70.

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